



Die Luna 14 April. 1645.

**H**ereas there are many & great abuses committed daily by the importing into, and exporting out of this Kingdom divers prohibited Goods and merchandize, contrary to the lawes ; and also for that there are divers Practises of late used by Merchants, and others, to Deceive his Majestie and the Parliament of such Customes and duties as are due and payable for such Goods as are Imported and Exported as aforesaid. For prevention whereof for the future, It is Ordained by the Lords and Commons in Parliament, That Samuel Averye, Richard Bateman, Charles Lloyd, Christopher Pack and Walter Booth-

Boothby Merchants, who are by  
an Ordinance of both Houses of  
Parliament of the 21 of February  
last appointed and constituted Com-  
missioners and Collectors to re-  
ceive all such sums of Money, which  
should at any time hereafter, from  
the 25 of February then present in-  
clusive be paid for Customes, or ad-  
vanced by way of Loan or other-  
wise, for or in respect of Goods and  
Merchandizes Exported out of or  
Imported into the port of London,  
and all other ports in the Realme  
of England, Dominion of Wales,  
and the towne of Barwick, in  
such manner as the Duties of Ton-  
nage and Poundage, have beene  
formerly received by the late Com-  
missioners of the Customes; as al-  
so all Deputy Collectors, Survey-  
ors, Searchers, Maytors, and all  
other Officers which are, or shall  
be deputed and appointed by the  
said

said Commissioners under their hands and seales, as their Deputies, Factors, or Servantes, for the managing of the Affairs of the Cusomes, and receipt of the said Moneys payed and advanc'd as aforesaid in the severall Ports aforesaid, and their Members shall have full power and Authority to goe on board, and enter into any Ship, Moy, Barque, Bottome, Boate, or other vessell whatsoever, as well by night as by day ryding, lying or being within any the severall ports, Havens, Creekes, or other Places; As also in the day-time to goe, and enter into all, or any Cellars, Vaults, shops, warehouses, or other places within the said Kingdome of England, Dominion of Wales and Towe of Barwick, to see, survey and make search for any such prohibited Goods or Merchandizes as aforesaid; And

likewise any Goods or Merchandise either put on Board any Ship or Vessel, or taken out, or carried away, or intended to be carried away (the Customes and other Duties for the same, having not been fully satisfied and paid) And the said Goods to seize, attach, carry away, and put into safe custody. And it is further Ordained by the Lords and Commons aforesaid, That upon all such seizures made by any of the Collectors, Surveyors, Searchers, Waiters or Officers, Deputies, Factors or Servants of the Commissioners aforesaid, or by the Kings Officers, or any other person or persons, certificate shall be by them respectively forthwith thereof made unto the said Commissioners. And that no fraudulent composition shall be made by the said Officers, to the prejudice of the Kingdome, and

and the losse of the Customes ;  
 and other duties due and payable  
 upon the said goods and Mer-  
 chandizes as aforesaid. And it is  
 further Ordained by the said  
 Lords and Commons aforesaid,  
 That the said Commissioners of  
 the Customes shall have power  
 from time to time to chuse and De-  
 pute a Messenger to atttend their  
 service , and him againe at their  
 pleasure to displace , and others to  
 substitute ; which Messengers by  
 them so chosen , shall have power  
 to summon , or Attach all or any  
 such Person or Persons as shall  
 be refractory or disobedient to the  
 Lawes or Ordinances made for  
 the payment of Customes , or Ad-  
 vance of Monies ; or that shall  
 affront and abuse the said Com-  
 missioners , their Deputies , Fa-  
 ctors or Servants in the execution  
 of their severall duties , or servi-  
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ces. And the persons so offending,  
to bring before the House of Com-  
mons or Committee of the Navy  
to answer such their misdemean-  
ors and miscarriages. And it is  
further Ordained, That such se-  
curity as the Committee of the  
Navy, or the Commissioners of  
the Customes shall thinke fit to  
require of any person or persons  
for the better managing of the bu-  
nesse aforesaid, shall be taken  
in the name of the Serjeant at  
Armes for the time being, attend-  
ing the House of Commons, to the  
use of the Commonwealth: And  
for the better enabling them, the  
foresaid Commissioners, as also  
of their Deputies, Factors, and  
Servants by them as aforesaid  
Authorised and appointed to trans-  
act and performe what is required  
of them in the Premises. It is  
further Ordained by the Lords and  
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g, Commissions aforesaid; And it is  
hereby required, that all Custo-  
mers, Comptrollers, Searchers,  
and all other his Majesties Of-  
ficers, of, or belonging to the  
Customes, in all the Ports and  
places aforesaid, As also all and  
every the Officers of, or belong-  
ing to the Admiralty, all Vice-  
Admirals, Captaines of Ships  
and Forts, and all Justices of  
Peace, Majors, Sheriffs, Bay-  
liffs, Constables, and all other  
his Majesties officers, Ministers  
and Subjects whatsoever, shall  
from time to time be Ryding and  
Assisting to the said Commissio-  
ners, and to all and every their  
Deputies, Factors and Servants  
by them as aforesaid deputed  
and appointed in the Execution of  
the said Service; And that all  
and every the said Commissio-  
ners, their Deputies, Factors  
and

and Servants, and all those who  
shall be ayding and assisting unto  
them, shall be defended and saved  
harmelesse by Authority of both  
Houses of Parliament. And that  
this Ordinance shall be forthwith  
printed and published, and sent to  
the severall ports of this Kingdom,

*John Browne, Cleric.*  
*Parliamentorum.*

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Printed for Lawrence Blaicklock,  
dwelling within Temple-  
Bar, 1645.

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